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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Charles M. Denton
Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett
Bridgewater Place
Post Office Box 352
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-7000

Re: Documents from Calhoun County Health Department in United States v City of Albion,
Case No. 1:97-CV-1037 (W.D. Mich.)

Dear Mr. Denton:

I am in receipt of the set of documents you had copied from the records of the Calhoun County Health Department in the course of litigation in the above-referenced case as well as the invoice which came with the documents. I was not appraised in advance of your intention to charge for the copies, and I am slightly taken aback to receive an invoice. As we are in litigation with the City of Albion, it seems as though these documents would have to be produced in the course of discovery, for which you would not bill another party.

As I did not seek prior approval to incur the expense, I may be unable to submit the invoice for payment. If it is your intention to have the United States pay for the documents, I will have to investigate whether I can request that the invoice be paid at this time, or whether I will have to return the documents. Please advise me if you are in fact seeking payment.

Sincerely,

Kathleen K. Schnieders
Assistant Regional Counsel

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